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**FY 2019**  
**SMALL NEPA PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
**Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests**

Please **do not leave any field BLANK**, unless it does not apply.  
Submit form (Word doc) electronically to jjchynoweth@fs.fed.us by **November 7, 2018**.

*(NOTE: Italicized / red comments are for reference only. You may delete them when completing form.)*

<b>Project Name</b>	Florence Hazard Tree Removal
<b>District Name (or "Forestwide")</b>	Salmon River RD
<b>County where project located?</b>	Idaho
<b>FS Personnel Name, Phone Number and Email</b> <i>If a partnership, please add name, phone and email; however, an FS employee MUST BE the project proponent and point of contact.</i>	Kevin Hake, Andrew Lane, 208-983-1950
<b>Legal Location</b> <i>Township(s), Range(s), and Section(s) of project.</i>	T1NS, R3E, Sec 20; T1N, R3E, Sec 36
<b>District Ranger / Line Officer's Name</b> <i>Person(s) responsible for signing the decision document</i>	Jeff Shinn
<b>Is the project associated with meeting a Forest target?</b>	Yes, timber
<b>Which CE Category does this project fit?</b> <i>Provide citation: 36 CFR 220.6(e)(x)</i> <i>See below regarding 220.6(d) projects.</i>	36 CFR 220.6(e)(13): Salvage of dead and/or dying trees not to exceed 250 acres, requiring no more than ½ mile of temporary road construction. The proposed action may include incidental removal of live or dead trees for landings, skid trails, and road clearing
<b>A Project Record or written Decision are <u>not required</u> for projects using 36 CFR 220.6 (d) categories.</b>  <i>If a <u>36 CFR 220.6 (d)</u> project, does the Decision Maker want it to go through the Small NEPA process?</i> <b>Yes      No</b>  <i><u>If no</u>, this form <b>does not</b> need to be filled out nor submitted to the Small NEPA planner.</i>  <i><u>If yes</u>, provide the category below, complete the remainder of this form and have Decision Maker submit it to the Small NEPA planner.</i>	

**At what level does the Decision Maker want the project scoped?**

Internal   X   External\*       

*Internal scoping will be through the Small NEPA IDT, unless otherwise specified. Scoping would be documented in the Extraordinary Circumstances Checklist.*

*External scoping will be with the public via a scoping letter, a legal notice, and the scoping letter posted on the NPCWNF website. Postcards with a link to the website/scoping letter will be used for larger mailings. The Project will only be scoped to the Tribe(s) et al (see \* below), unless otherwise specified.*

*\*For external scoping, please to complete block below. Note: please enter "NA" if left empty on purpose*

**Provide a list of the individuals, groups, agencies, etc. \*, with their mailing address and/or email address, who will be included for external Scoping. DO NOT provide only a name.**

NA

*\* The Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene Tribes will routinely be scoped. The following will also be included on all SN scoping/ mailing lists: Friends of the Clearwater, Idaho Conservation League, Thomas E. Peterson and Bill Mulligan.*

**What Level of Analysis (below) does the Decision Maker want for the Project?**

       **Low level:** If the project's level of public scrutiny is projected to be relatively low or unknown, the line officer chooses who we would contact for scoping (limited). In this case specialists would only do the checklist for each project. Documentation for low level analysis projects would be a completed checklist filled out by the specialists, including the name of the specialist who performed the analysis, the project name, and date it was completed. No other written documentation would be generated.

  X   **Moderate level:** If the project's level of public scrutiny is projected to be relatively moderate to high, then the line officer chooses who we would contact for scoping (a little broader). In this case, specialists would complete the checklist with the only write up being for items that are present and the rationale for the effects call. No write up would be given for items in the checklist that are not present. If the determination is no effect (which generally speaking, most CE's should have zero to very little adverse effects), then document why that determination was made in one paragraph or less. If the determination is an adverse effect, then why that determination was made would be written in less three paragraphs.

**List the Management Area(s) in which your project is located.**

12, timber

**What are the desired conditions (*relevant to your project*) for the Management Area(s) listed above?**

The desired conditions would be sustaining a healthy forest through active forest management, while providing the potential for economic value to the local communities.

*Desired conditions are described in Chapters 2 & 3 of the Nez Perce and Clearwater Forest Plans.*

**Is the project in an Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA)?**

No

**Is the project in a congressionally designated area, ex. Wilderness Area, Wild & Scenic River Corridor, Research Natural Area, Historic Trail, etc.?**

No

**Are there Floodplains or Wetlands in the project area?** No

**Are there Municipal Watersheds in the project area?** No

**Is the project located in an RHCA?** No

**Describe the existing condition of the project area.**

Currently there are approx. 70 acres of dead and dying trees in the project area, as a result of the mountain pine beetle. Many of the dead trees are adjacent to the 221 road, providing a hazard to forest users. The project would remove the dead and dying trees in the units, decrease hazardous fuel accumulations, and return economic value back to the local communities.

**What is the Purpose and Need for the proposed action\*?**

The purpose and need of the project would be to remove the dead and dying (insect and disease infected) trees from the units. The dead and dying trees in the area have created a hazard to forest users, as well as increasing the fuel loading in the area. By removing the disease infested trees from the area, we will have eliminated any hazards in the vicinity and provide a fuel break for future fires in the area.

*\* The purpose and need describes: Why is the action being proposed at this location at this time (what is the problem, the need for the action?)? And what is the desired goal/outcome (the purpose) of the action?*

**Describe the Proposed Action.**

What is provided will be used in the Scoping Letter (*external only*), by the resource specialists for their effects analyses, and in the Decision document.

Please provide detailed descriptions of the following in narrative paragraph form:

This project will be a conventional timber sale, where we (FS) will layout, mark, and cruise the timber sale units. The approximately 70 acres of timber will be put up for bid (auction) and awarded to the highest bidder. The work (removal of dead and dying trees) will be done by the purchaser or a purchaser representative.

The units will be accessed by FS RD 221 (Grangeville Salmon Rd). Approximately 0.2 miles of the 394I road would be reconstructed to access unit 2. No temporary roads will be needed.

There could be short delays to traffic when entering the project areas. Access to the area should have little to no change.

Heavy equipment is anticipated to be working in the forest: feller bunchers, skidders, log loaders, log processors, and logging trucks.

All logging activities will take place in accordance to FS Handbook standards as well as B and C provisions regarding ecosystem protection measures. Timber Sale Administrators will oversee the contracts to ensure all contract provisions are followed.

Work will most likely take place between June 1 and October 31, the normal operating period for logging operations. A purchaser will sign a contract before the project can start.

Will any permits, etc. be needed before the project can start? If so, what and from who?

Will the project change access restrictions? If so, how?

**Again, please provide a narrative description of the Proposed Action.**

**List the Design Criteria / Mitigation Measures \* to be included with the Proposed Action.**

B Provisions:

[https://ems-team.usda.gov/sites/fs-r01-rrm/Forest%20Products%20Library/FS-2400-6\\_Division\\_B\(6-06\).pdf](https://ems-team.usda.gov/sites/fs-r01-rrm/Forest%20Products%20Library/FS-2400-6_Division_B(6-06).pdf)

See attached NCF pick list for design measures

*\* Additional Design Criteria/Measures can be listed under "Additional Information" on the last page of this form*

**Small NEPA IDT/resource specialists are listed below. Contact them if you have any questions regarding their resource for your project.**

Botany – Mike Hays, [mhays01@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhays01@fs.fed.us); 983-4028

Fisheries – Derrick Bawdon, [dbawdon@fs.fed.us](mailto:dbawdon@fs.fed.us);

Heritage – Steve Lucas, [slucas@fs.fed.us](mailto:slucas@fs.fed.us); 983-4040

Hydrology – Cynthia Valle, [cvalle@fs.fed.us](mailto:cvalle@fs.fed.us); 963-4203

Minerals – Marty Jones, [martinjones@fs.fed.us](mailto:martinjones@fs.fed.us); 983-5158

Recreation – Carol Hennessey, [cahennessey@fs.fed.us](mailto:cahennessey@fs.fed.us); 935-4270

Soils –

Wild and Scenic River – Chris Noyes, [chnoyes@fs.fed.us](mailto:chnoyes@fs.fed.us); 935-4251

Wildlife – Jim Lutes, [jamesrlutes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jamesrlutes@fs.fed.us); 963-4202

## PROJECT MAPS

Please send – separate from this form and per the instructions outlined below – a GIS-generated map or maps of the project area (pdf format only) with the project submission email.

- Make sure that the map layers can be turned on / off / are editable.
- Make sure the map(s) fits on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.

Provide at least one map, preferably “portrait” orientation, with the project area / features as:

- a Point, e.g. culvert, bridge, etc.,
- a Line, e.g. fence, road, creek, etc., and/or
- a Polygon, e.g. stand boundaries, treatment areas, etc.
  - Do not use a point if treating an area, use a polygon.
  - Points/lines/polygons need to be distinct and easily found on the map.
  - The project area / site needs to be centered on the map, especially if only one area/feature.

Please use the Forest Visitor Map as your map’s base layer.

- Do not add contour lines to the FV map unless needed for clarifying the proposed action. Contour lines can make the map difficult to read.
  - If contour lines are needed, make sure they are distinguishable from other linear features such as roads, trails, streams, etc.
- A topo map can be substituted for the FV map. If using a topo map but the contour lines are not important the topo lines should be light gray or opaque.
- Regardless of base map, make sure there are identifiable elements, e.g. towns, roads, streams, etc. on the map to help locate the project area on the landscape and that the elements are clearly labeled.

The preferred map scale (typically 1:24K) is whatever scale best presents the project area’s location and proposed activities:

- If the 1:24K scale is too small (i.e. the project feature(s) – point/line/polygon – would be hard to find or would be indistinguishable on just one map), use a larger scale to show the overall project area (coarse scale map) and smaller scaled maps to show the project features (fine scale map).
- If the 1:24K scale is too big (i.e. the project feature is a tiny point or thin line lost/hard to find on the larger landscape), use a smaller scale to highlight the feature while ensuring there are elements on the map to identify the project’s location.
- If you need to make additional maps, please make as few as possible.

At a minimum, all maps should include (with the preferred but not set in stone location on the map):

- a Title (project name and district name only (please); centered at top)
- a Legend (features clearly labeled; lower right corner)
- a Scale (in half mile, e.g. 0\_\_0.25\_\_0.5 miles, or full miles, e.g. 0\_\_0.25\_\_0.5\_\_1.0 miles; lower left corner)
- a North Arrow (upper right corner)
  - Display all of the above in boxes with black outlines and a white backgrounds (not gray or yellow)
  - Do not ‘Halo’ the text or numbers or anything else on the map. Please.
  - The Scale needs to be large enough to read the numbers.

Finally, please include the mapmakers name and the date it was created on the map.

**The Map(s) you provide will be used for Scoping the Public and the Tribes and in the Decision document. Please make sure they show – clearly, effectively, and professionally – what activity or activities are being proposed and where they are located on the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests.**

### SHAPEFILES

The resource specialists require the shapefile(s) of the project's proposed activities before they will conduct their analyses. Providing the shapefile does not substitute for providing a pdf map.

The Project Proponent needs to send the shapefile, or a location where the shapefile can be found, to the Small NEPA Planner (currently: jjchynoweth@fs.fed.us) by the time or shortly after the District Ranger submits this form.

- Shapefiles need to include the Project Name and have the Feature (culvert, bridge, etc.) labeled.
- Shapefiles need to include the following extensions – .dbf, .prj, .sbn, .shp, .shx, and .xml.

**PROPONENT:** When submitting the shapefile(s) you must include in the email how the location(s) of the project feature(s), i.e. line, point, and/or polygon, were determined (see below):

- Field-collected GPS data;
- From existing corporate GIS data (provide name of GIS layer);
- Created (digitized) from an aerial photo;
- Created (digitized) from the existing corporate GIS data;
- Created (digitized) from the NPCLW Visitor Map;
- Other (describe).

## Projects in Roadless Area

<b>What is the Inventoried Roadless Area name?</b>  NA  <i>O:\NFS\NezPerceClearwater\Project\MultiBasin\Planning\Small_NEPA_Cat_Ex\Reference Material\Roadless Rule Info</i>	<b><u>Forest Plan IRA Name (if different):</u></b>  NA
<b>Identify the Idaho Roadless Management Classification:</b>  NA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild Land Recreation</li> <li>• Special Areas of Historic or Tribal Significance</li> <li>• Primitive</li> <li>• Backcountry Restoration</li> <li>• General Forest, Rangeland and Grassland</li> </ul>	<b>Classification(s):</b>  NA
<b>Does the project involve constructing or reconstructing roads?</b> Yes* No <i>* If yes, see <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2</a> then navigate to Subpart C 294.23</i>	
<b>Does the project involve cutting trees?</b> Yes* No <i>* If yes, see <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2</a> then navigate to Subpart C 294.24</i>	
<b>Does the project involve removing minerals, including common variety minerals?</b> Yes* No <i>* If yes, see <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2</a> then navigate to Subpart C 294.25</i>	

JC : 10/15/2018

Additional Information: